Setting up of a National Disaster Management Agency

3100. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA);

(b) if so, the details alongwith its terms of reference; and

(c) the immediate steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to prepare a data base on infrastructure and facilities relating to disaster management?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) In the context of the developing security situation, the need to have a strong and robust mechanism for management of all types of disasters, backed up by a professional pool of manpower, has been felt by the Government. As proposals regarding the requisite structures and capabilities are presently in the formative stages only, it is too early to furnish any further details in this regard.

Private commercial vehicles plying under Mother Dairy's Plant in Delhi

3101. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Traffic Police in Delhi have permitted several private commercial vehicles under Mother Dairy's (F&V) Plant at Mangolpuri, New Delhi to ply such vehicles during day time also;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether such commercial vehicles are mostly driven by helpers and even discharging maximum pollution on forged certificates; and

(d) if so, the number of such commercial vehicles impounded by police during the last one year and action taken against the owners of the vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) In order to maintain regular supply of essential commodities like food and vegetables, 54 commercial vehicles operating on behalf of the Mother Dairy's (F&V) Plant at Mangolpuri have been permitted by Delhi Police to ply at specified routes during peak hours.